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Maritime Identification Credentials

This PCIB provides acceptable means of personal identification for the access control provisions required by 33 CFR Subchapter H. Under 33 CFR 101.515, personal identification is required to be:

- (i.) Laminated or otherwise protected against tampering;
- (ii.) Contain the individual's full name (full first and last names, middle initial is acceptable);
- (iii.) Contain a photo that accurately depicts that individual's current facial appearance; and
- (iv.) Bear the name of the issuing authority.

Every person (including vessel passengers and crew, facility employees, vendors, and visitors) entering a waterfront facility required to comply with 33 CFR 105, or embarking on or disembarking from a vessel required to comply with 33 CFR 104, must provide personal identification that meets that requirements listed above. Identification credentials "satisfactory to the Commandant" are limited to those issued by a Federal, State, or local authority in the United States acceptable to the Captain of the Port. Facility Security Plans should detail acceptable issuing authorities. Acceptable personal identification include:

- A military identification card;
- A badge for a Federal employee such as DOT, DOD, FBI, CIA;
- A driver's license or official **identification** card issued by a Department of Motor Vehicles or a Motor-Vehicle Administration within the U.S;
- A merchant mariner's document issued by the Coast Guard;
- A valid passport;
- A local-law enforcement credential;
- An **identification** credential issued by a State or local port authority; and
- An **identification** credential issued by a company, union, or trade association.

Passports, seaman's books, STCW Endorsements, and Drivers Licenses are acceptable forms of identification that a foreign mariner could use to access a facility, when these documents meet the requirements stated in 33 CFR 101.515. If a mariner possesses both a seaman's book and a passport, only the passport should be locked up for safekeeping and the seaman's book could be used for photo identification. When passports are required to be left onboard the vessel and no other form of identification is available for the mariner, a photo identification document meeting the requirements of 33 CFR 101.515 should be provided by the vessel owner or operator for the purpose of facilitating shore leave in the United States. As part of the pre-arrival requirements of 33 CFR 105.200 facility owners and operators are expected to discuss the acceptable forms of identification that the facility would accept in order to allow mariners the ability to access their facility traveling to and from shore leave.

Questions or comments regarding this bulletin should be directed to Mr. Ed Morris at (813) 228-2189 ext 8108.

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